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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that: my residence, post-office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; that I verily believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or a joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

HIGHLY ACTIVE FORMS OF INTERFERON REGULATORY FACTOR PROTEINS

the specification of which

(check one) is attached hereto.

was filed on October 6, 2000

as U.S. Application Serial No. 09/647,965

was filed on _____

as PCT International Application No. _____

and (if applicable) was amended on _____

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information known to me which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §§1.56(a) and (b), which state:

- "(a) A patent by its very nature is affected with a public interest. The public interest is best served, and the most effective patent examination occurs when, at the time an application is being examined, the Office is aware of and evaluates the teachings of all information material to patentability. Each individual associated with the filing and prosecution of a patent application has a duty of candor and good faith in dealing with the Office, which includes a duty to disclose to the Office all information known to that individual to be material to patentability as defined in this section. The duty to disclose information exists with respect to each pending claim until the claim is cancelled or withdrawn from consideration, or the application becomes abandoned. Information material to the patentability that is cancelled or withdrawn from consideration need not be submitted if the information is not material to the patentability of any claim remaining under consideration in the application. There is no duty to submit information which is not material to the patentability of any existing claim. The duty to disclose all information known to be material to patentability is deemed to be satisfied if all information known to be material to patentability of any claim issued in a patent was cited by the Office or submitted to the Office in the manner prescribed by §§1.97(b)-(d) and 1.98. However, no patent will be granted on an application in connection with which fraud on the Office was practiced or attempted or the duty of disclosure was violated through bad faith or intentional misconduct. The Office encourages applicants to carefully examine:
- (1) prior art cited in search reports of a foreign patent office in a counterpart application,
 - (2) the closest information over which individuals associated with the filing or prosecution of a patent application believe any pending claim patentably defines, to make sure that any material information contained therein is disclosed to the Office.
- (b) Under this section, information is material to patentability when it is not cumulative to information already of record or being made of record in the application, and

- (1) It establishes, by itself or in combination with other information, a prima facie case of unpatentability of a claim; or
- (2) It refutes, or is inconsistent with, a position the applicant takes in:
 - (i) Opposing an argument of unpatentability relied on by the Office, or
 - (ii) Asserting an argument of patentability.

A prima facie case of unpatentability is established when the information compels a conclusion that a claim is unpatentable under the preponderance of evidence, burden-of-proof standard, giving each term in the claim its broadest reasonable construction consistent with the specification, and before any consideration is given to evidence which may be submitted in an attempt to establish a contrary conclusion of patentability."

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 United States Code, §119 and/or §365 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate filed by me or my assignee disclosing the subject matter claimed in this application and having a filing date (1) before that of the application on which priority is claimed, or (2) if no priority claimed, before the filing of this application:

PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATION(S)

<u>Number</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Filing Date</u> (<i>Month/Day/Year</i>)	<u>Date First Laid-open or Published</u>	<u>Date Patented or Granted</u>	<u>Priority Claimed?</u>
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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 United States Code, §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

<u>Application Number</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

PRIOR U.S. OR PCT APPLICATION(S)

<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u> (<i>month/day/year</i>)	<u>Status</u> (<i>pending, abandoned, granted</i>)
PCT/CA99/00314	04/07/99	PENDING

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that wilful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such wilful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

I hereby appoint the following patent agents with full power of substitution, association and revocation to prosecute this application and/or international application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:

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**VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY
STATUS (37 CFR 1.9(f) AND 1.27 (b)) - INDEPENDENT INVENTOR**

Docket No.
76023-36

Serial No. 09/647,965	Filing Date 10.06.00	Patent No.	Issue Date
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Applicant/
Patentee: **HISCOTT, John and LIN, Rongtuan**

Invention:

HIGHLY ACTIVE FORMS OF INTERFERON REGULATORY FACTOR PROTEINS

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the invention entitled above and described in:

- the specification to be filed herewith.
- the application identified above.
- the patent identified above.

I have not assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed and am under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license, any rights in the invention to any person who could not be classified as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9(c) if that person had made the invention, or to any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e).

Each person, concern or organization to which I have assigned, granted, conveyed, or licensed or am under an obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey, or license any rights in the invention is listed below:

- No such person, concern or organization exists.
- Each such person, concern or organization is listed below.

*NOTE: Separate verified statements are required from each named person, concern or organization having rights to the invention averring to their status as small entities (37 CFR 1.27)

FULL NAME **SIR MORTIMER B. DAVIS - JEWISH GENERAL HOSPITAL**
ADDRESS **3755 Chemin de la Côte-Ste-Catherine, Montreal, Quebec, H3T 1E2**

Individual Small Business Concern Nonprofit Organization

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I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 CFR 1.28(b))

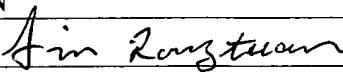
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NAME OF INVENTOR John HISCOTT

SIGNATURE OF INVENTOR 

DATE: JANUARY 8, 2001

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**VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY
STATUS (37 CFR 1.9(f) AND 1.27 (d)) - NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION**

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Applicant/
Patentee: **HISCOTT, John and LIN, Rongtuan**

Invention:

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I hereby declare that I am an official empowered to act on behalf of the nonprofit organization identified below:

NAME OF ORGANIZATION: **SIR MORTIMER B. DAVIS - JEWISH GENERAL HOSPITAL**

ADDRESS OF ORGANIZATION: **3755 Chemin de la Cote-Ste-Catherine**

Montreal, Quebec

H3T 1E2 Canada

TYPE OF NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION:

- University or other Institute of Higher Education
- Tax Exempt under Internal Revenue Service Code (26 U.S.C. 501(a) and 501(c)(3))
- Nonprofit Scientific or Educational under Statute of State of The United States of America
Name of State: _____ Citation of Statute: _____
- Would Qualify as Tax Exempt under Internal Revenue Service Code (26 U.S.C. 501(a) and 501(c)(3)) if Located in The United States of America
- Would Qualify as Nonprofit Scientific or Educational under Statute of State of The United States of America if Located in The United States of America
Name of State: _____ Citation of Statute: _____

I hereby declare that the above-identified nonprofit organization qualifies as a nonprofit organization as defined in 37 C.F.R. 1.9(e) for purposes of paying reduced fees to the United States Patent and Trademark Office regarding the invention described in:

- the specification to be filed herewith.
- the application identified above.
- the patent identified above.

I hereby declare that rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the nonprofit organization with regard to the above identified invention.

If the rights held by the above-identified nonprofit organization are not exclusive, each individual, concern or organization having rights to the invention is listed on the next page and no rights to the invention are held by any person, other than the inventor, who could not qualify as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9(c) or by any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e).

Each person, concern or organization to which I have assigned, granted, conveyed, or licensed or am under an obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey, or license any rights in the invention is listed below:

- no such person, concern or organization exists.
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